Passing the Baton: Farewell from the Steering Committee of 2022/23

Introduction

“Did we serve our community” – Alexander Wehmeyer YPG PRO 2021/22

If there is one thing that this Steering Committee (SC) did well amongst other things, it was to bring more young people to the doors of the PSSA. We would like to thank everyone that was involved in the success of this term with a special thanks to all the provincial representatives who assisted with the meetings, mentorship programme, and health awareness campaigns. The SC could not have achieved this without your support! We are confident that the team that will soon grab the baton that we received will run the marathon and continue with the good work that began long before us.

Successes

- Brent Sin Hidge and Alexander Wehmeyer of the 2021/22 SC designed the logo for the PSSA conference 2022 and assisted with editing the programme
- Successfully hosted a YPG evening and facilitated an exciting game of bingo during the conference alongside the previous SC
- Assisted pharmacist interns with the community service placement swapping process
- Launched the 2023 Mentorship Programme with 10 mentorship pairs
- Launched an Instagram page that has attracted over 750 young pharmacists to the Society
- Delivered presentations at the Western Cape Province pharmacist intern and community service inductions
- Ran an exciting competition at the SAAHIP conference
- Designed social media material for the SAPHEX symposium, assisted with the stand, and chaired one of the sessions
- Direct involvement with the FIP’s Early Career Pharmaceutical Group
- Health awareness campaigns, including outbreaks and product recalls
- Attended and contributed to various high level meetings of the SAAHIP, SAACP and PSSA

Closing Words

Good-byes are usually given with a heavy heart, however as the Steering Committee of 2022/23, we bid farewell to you with joyous hearts, proud of all that we accomplished throughout our term. Just as the previous Steering Committee handed us a weighty baton, we encourage the incoming team to work together towards a weighty and impactful term that will continue to support the goals of the PSSA for the benefit of all pharmacists nationwide!

“Don’t disappear” – Lorraine Osman

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